

Committee of the Permanent Representatives  
Subcommittee meeting  
Nairobi, 18 April 2024  
09:00 – 12:00 and 13.00 – 16:00 (GMT+3)  
Hybrid meeting  
Conference Room 2 (in person)  
and Microsoft Teams (online)

### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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2. UNEA-6 assessment and lessons learned.
3. Update on UNEP's Foresight Trajectory.
4. Briefing on the Global Environmental Data Strategy.
5. Review of UNEP Thematic Programme.
6. Briefing on human rights and the environment.
7. Briefing on the preparations for INC-4 on plastic pollution.
8. Other matters.
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### **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.**

The meeting will be chaired by H. E. Mr. Gunnar Andreas Holm, Vice Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to UNEP (morning session), and H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP (afternoon session). Delegations will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

In accordance with the [guidance](#) endorsed at [the 162<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the committee on October 2023](#), delegations may also wish to propose draft decisions and recommendations, as appropriate, under any relevant item on the agenda, to be reflected in the meeting summary for further consideration and possible adoption at the next CPR quarterly meeting, under the standard agenda item “Report of the subcommittee”.

#### **2. UNEA-6 assessment and lessons learned.**

The Secretariat will present a draft document outlining observations, lessons learned and recommendations from the meetings of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), held from 26 February to 1 March 2024 and the sixth open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-6), held from 19 to 23 February 2024. The draft document takes into consideration recommendations made by the Bureau of the CPR at its meeting held on 19 March 2024, and by UNEA-6 co-facilitators. The Committee is invited to provide inputs to the draft document, with a view to endorsing it at the next quarterly meeting of the Committee scheduled for June 2024, in accordance with established practice. Delegations will have an additional opportunity to provide input during the subcommittee meeting scheduled for 2 May 2024, based on a revised version of the document.

#### **3. Update on UNEP’s Foresight Trajectory.**

The Secretariat will provide an update on the implementation of [UNEP’s Foresight Trajectory](#), following the previous presentation held in May 2023. To better navigate current and future uncertainty and disruptive change in line with the UN 2.0 Quintet of Change, UNEP is advancing its strategic foresight and futures-thinking work, putting in place an institutionalized approach to strategic foresight and horizon scanning to provide real-time monitoring of emerging signals of change that could have implications for the environment and our future workstreams. The Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with Committee members and the Secretariat.

#### **4. Briefing on the Global Environmental Data Strategy.**

The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the Global Environmental Data Strategy (GEDS), which will offer an overview of UNEP’s progress in implementing the strategy, forthcoming consultation

process, and seek input from Member States to shape future directions. UNEP is tasked with developing the GEDS by 2025 and is leading stakeholder consultations to build the strategy with the focus on four key pillars: data quality, interoperability, access and governance, alongside capacity building efforts. The Committee is invited to take note of the briefing, consider a call for interest in leading the regional consultations to further engage stakeholders, and engage in an exchange of views with Committee members and the Secretariat.

**5. Review of UNEP Thematic Programmes.**

Following the Committee's demand for early and strategic planning in the performance of its oversight function vis-à-vis the Programme of Work, presentations will be delivered to the subcommittee on all 13 thematic programmes between 18 April and 3 December 2024. Under this item, the Secretariat will present an overview of the two following thematic programmes: 1) **"Towards Zero Waste"**, which improves waste and wastewater management through, inter alia, minimizing material input and waste and wastewater generation, circular processes, safe recovery of secondary raw materials and progressive reduction of open burning and dump sites; and 2) **"Pollution and Health"**, which aims to make contributions for improved environmental quality, better health and broader sustainable development outcomes, by tackling pollutants that pose significant risks to the environment and health. The Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with Committee Members and the Secretariat.

**6. Briefing on human rights and the environment.**

The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the introduction of the joint activities and collaboration between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and UNEP in advancing human rights and the environment, based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between OHCHR and UNEP in 2019. The brief aims to raise awareness, promote and advance the links between human rights and the environment and reflect on key developments in this area. The Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with Committee Members and the Secretariat.

**7. Briefing on the preparations for INC-4 on plastic pollution.**

The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-4), which is scheduled to take place from 23 to 29 April 2024 in Ottawa, Canada. The Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with Committee Members and the Secretariat.

**8. Other matters.**

The meeting will consider any other matters related to its work.

**9. Closing of the meeting.**

The meeting is expected to close at 16:00 (GMT+3).